

7/19/2009

Ms. Stephanie Streight

Environmental Protection Specialist  
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RE: CAPX 2020 Brookings to Hampton

Dear Ms. Strength,

I have enclosed another copy of a letter I send to Scott Ek, at the Minnesota Office of Energy. If my information is correct there is to be a EIS from Hampton to LaCrosse, Wisc., but not from Brookings to Hampton. This does not make sense to me, why not a Environmental Impact Study on the entire line? Is the Brookings to Hampton less important than the Hampton to LaCrosse. It seems like they are changing routes and adding alternates every week, the more people evolved the more complicated it is becoming, actually I feel the whole project is becoming a real fiasco. I would appreciate any up to date information as to if the whole project is going to have a EIS.

Sincerely,

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Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Project is will be available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication. The Brookings County-Hampton 345-kV Project will not be discussed in the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Project DEIS.

The Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Information on all of the CapX2020 projects is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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Mr. Scott Ek  
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Dear Mr. Ek:

RE: CAPX 2020-Scoping decision PUC no. ET2/TL-08-1474 A-RIC-003 (Sirek)

Since my last letter to you I had the opportunity to fly over the proposed 50<sup>th</sup> street new alternate route being considered. I was amazed at the number of farms and residents that have livestock on the 50<sup>th</sup> street west route. Starting with 50<sup>th</sup> street west at Elmore there is the Larson dairy farm, directly east is the Coffing organic dairy farm. At 50<sup>th</sup> street west and city rd 5 is the Horejsi livestock farm, directly east is the Herman horse farm (the Clary Lake Veterinarian Equine rehabilitating horse farm) the Balfany residence horse farm, the Dupay cattle farm, the Hennek livestock farm, the Jones cattle farm, and last the Joe Simon Rodeo horse and bull breeding farm. I can certainly see why all these people are outraged that 50<sup>th</sup> street should be considered over 57<sup>th</sup> street which I found not to contain much livestock (mostly hay farmers) if any. I would hope not, but some residents feel that maybe having a couple of (ATF) members living in the 57<sup>th</sup> street area could have a effect on this proposal. I would be remised if I didn't add into the equation the air park of which the run way ends very close to 50<sup>th</sup> street west. I do appreciate your time bringing this information to your attention. I will be looking forward to seeing you again sometime in October.

Sincerely,

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cc: Stephanie Strengthen

In addition, the ATF will include:

- Five private citizens, who live, work, or own property on or near the proposed project

The ATF will comprise no more than 20 members.

The OES charges the advisory task force as follows:

1. ATF members will assist the OES in identifying impacts and issues in the area of concern that should be evaluated in the EIS.
2. ATF members will assist the OES in identifying alternative transmission line routes or substation locations in Dakota, Rice, and Scott counties that may maximize positive impacts and minimize or avoid negative impacts of the project in the area of concern.


ATF members are expected to participate with OES staff in up to three meetings and to assist staff with the development of a summary of the task force's work including their preferences, or recommendations, if any. Meetings will be facilitated by OES staff or a facilitator engaged by OES staff.

The Lake Marion to Hampton ATF will expire upon issuance of the EIS scoping decision. ?

OES EFP staff is directed to appoint, as appropriate, members of the ATF and to begin work on the above-noted charge.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
OFFICE OF ENERGY SECURITY

  
William Glahn, Director